

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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Claim 1 (currently amended): A telecommunications method for establishing a connection with ~~the~~ a mobile device (5) of a participant, ~~in which telecommunications method comprising:~~

sending a short message including a desired destination number ~~transmitted in a short message (11) prepared by the participant is passed on~~ from the mobile device to a callback computer (47), ~~and in which telecommunications method; and~~

establishing a connection ~~is established by this~~ the callback computer (47) between said mobile device (5) of the participant and said desired destination number, wherein:

the establishing step includes calling the mobile device by the callback computer,

before establishment of said connection, ~~the~~ a remaining credit of said participant is checked in a prepaid module (45) connected to the callback computer (47), and

said connection is established only if ~~this credit suffices~~ the remaining credit exceeds a predetermined amount.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The telecommunications method according to claim 1, wherein:

said prepaid module (45) calculates ~~the~~ a remaining airtime with the aid of at least one tariff table (451), and

said prepaid module passes it on transmits the remaining airtime to said callback computer (47).

Claim 3 (currently amended): The telecommunications method according to claim 2, wherein said prepaid module (45) calculates said remaining airtime on the basis of ~~the~~ an indication of location of said participant stored in a database (41).

Claim 4 (currently amended): The telecommunications method according to claim 3, wherein said database (41) is ~~the~~ a home location register (41) of ~~the HPLMN~~ a home public land mobile network of said participant and the indication of location is ~~the VLR~~ a visitor location register address of said participant.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The telecommunications method according to claim 1, wherein said connection is truncated by said callback computer (47) if the remaining credit of said participant has run out.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The telecommunications method according to claim 1, wherein:

said mobile device (5) is a GSM device (5), and wherein  
said short message (11) is ~~a USSD~~ an unstructured supplementary services data message (11).

Claim 7 (currently amended): A system (4) for establishing a connection with ~~the~~ a mobile device (5) of a participant, ~~which~~ wherein the system can is configured to receive a short ~~messages~~ (11) message and ~~can~~ to identify the participant who has sent ~~these~~ the short ~~messages~~ (11) message, ~~which system comprises~~ the system comprising:

a callback computer (47), ~~which can~~ configured to establish a connection between said participant and a destination number indicated in said short message (11), ~~wherein~~ by at least calling the mobile device; and

~~it comprises~~ a prepaid module (45) ~~which is~~ connected to said callback computer (47) and ~~in which~~ configured to store a prepaid amount ~~can be stored~~ for at least certain participants, ~~and~~ wherein said prepaid module (45) contains at least one tariff table (451) ~~with which the~~ configured to be used to calculate a remaining airtime ~~can be calculated~~ associated with the participant.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The system (4) according to claim 7, wherein said prepaid module (45) ~~can be~~ is connected to a home location register (41) of the system (4) via a ~~MAP~~ mobile application part interface (43).

Claim 9 (currently amended): The system (4) according to claim 7, wherein the prepaid module (45) ~~can~~ is configured to:

calculate the remaining airtime of [[a]] said participant on the basis of indications of location of said participant stored in a home location register (41) of the system (4) and with the aid of said tariff table (451), and

~~can pass it on~~ transmit the remaining airtime to said callback computer (47).

Claim 10 (currently amended): The system (4) according to claim 7, wherein:  
said mobile device (5) is a GSM device (5), and

~~wherein~~ said short message (11) is a ~~USSD~~ an unstructured supplementary services  
data message (11).

Claim 11 (currently amended): The system (4) according to claim 7, ~~wherein it~~  
~~comprises~~ further comprising:


a home location register configured to receive the short message and to store a  
location indication associated with the participant; and

an interface module (43), which can take over the contents of a configured to receive  
the short message (11) sent to a from the home location register (41), and ~~can pass it on~~  
~~together~~ to transmit the destination number, with the a call number of the participant, and the  
location indication, stored in this home location register (41), for the participant who has sent  
the short message (11) to the prepaid module.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The system (4) according to claim 11, wherein:

the interface module (43) ~~accesses~~ is configured to access the home location register (41) by means of ~~the MAP~~ a mobile application part protocol via ~~the SS7~~ a signaling system number 7 signaling system, and wherein

said short message (11) is a ~~USSD~~ an unstructured supplementary services data message (11).

 Claim 13 (new): The telecommunications method of claim 1, wherein the short message includes a prefix in addition to the destination number, the prefix identifying a special service.

Claim 14 (new): The system of claim 7, wherein the short message includes a prefix in addition to the destination number, the prefix identifying a special service.

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